

ed and returned; and the same board that canvasses the vote for city officers shall canvass the vote on the question and file a certificate of the result in the office of the city recorder.

SEC. 16. If a majority of those voting on the subject, vote "Against the Winona Library," then and in that case no tax shall be levied or collected, or other steps taken under or in pursuance of the provisions of this law.

SEC. 17. The property acquired and held under this act shall be the property of the city of Winona.

SEC. 18. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 5, 1878.

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## CHAPTER 218.

### AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE RELIEF OF THE POOR IN THE COUNTY OF HENNEPIN.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

SECTION 1. That whenever in the county of Hennepin application is made to a county commissioner thereof, by or on behalf of any person in his district for public relief or support, and reliable information is furnished that such person is in a suffering condition from poverty, and requires public assistance or support, said commissioner shall inquire into the condition and necessities of such poor person, and if satisfied that such person is in actual need of, and is a proper subject for such relief or support, and is legally settled in said Hennepin county, or has no legal settlement in this State, said commissioner shall make an order in writing, signed by him officially, directed to the overseer of poor of said county, that such poor person be received into the charge of the poor, and furnished suitable support, which order shall contain or be accompanied by a statement of facts, signed by such commissioner, setting forth the name, age, former occupation, place of residence, and length of residence in said county if a resident thereof, and the condition of such person; and said overseer shall, upon delivery to him of such order, and presentation of such poor person, receive said poor person into his charge, and provide him with support at the expense of said county, until the farther order of the board of county commissioners; *Provided*, That if the commissioner to whom such application is made, shall upon such inquiry into the condition of such poor person be of the opinion, that only temporary and limited assistance to the extent herein-

after specified, will be required by such poor person, and that it will be for the interest of the said county to grant the same, such commissioner may, instead of making the order aforesaid, allow such poor person relief as he deems necessary, not exceeding the amount of fifteen (15) dollars to any one person nor twenty-five (25) dollars to any one family, except that further relief may be granted upon the order of the board of county commissioners expressly made for that purpose.

Such commissioner so granting such relief or the board of county commissioners, shall, when they grant such temporary relief, make a written certificate, signed officially, by such commissioner or the board, in which certificate shall be specified the sum allowed and the place of residence of the person to whom such relief is granted (with the name of the street and number thereof, if such poor person resides within the corporate limits of the city of Minneapolis); also the amount and kind of relief granted such poor person, and upon the presentation of such certificate, any person not a member of the board of county commissioners, may furnish such poor person with the amount and kind of relief mentioned in said order; upon the presentation of such certificate to the board of county commissioners by the person or persons so furnishing the relief therein described, together with an itemized and verified statement of the articles so furnished such poor person, and the price of each article thereof and the receipt of the person to whom such goods were furnished, if the board find that such articles so furnished were of good quality and the price charged therefor is reasonable, which facts shall appear in such verified statement, and there appears no good and valid reason why such account should not be paid, the board of county commissioners shall thereupon cause an order to be drawn upon the county treasurer in favor of such person or persons furnishing such relief for the amount justly due therefor.

*Provided further,* That no county commissioner shall be directly or indirectly interested in the goods or articles so furnished such poor person, or in the money paid therefor. *Provided further,* That such temporary relief shall not continue for more than six months in any one year, nor in the aggregate exceed fifty (50) dollars to any one person, or one hundred (100) dollars to any one family.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and shall apply only to the said county of Hennepin.  
Approved March 9, 1878.